

Notice of Allowability

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 3/29/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4 and 16.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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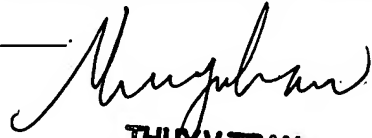
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 12/02/05
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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PRIMARY EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's request for reconsideration of the finality of the rejection of the last Office action is persuasive and, therefore, the finality of that action is withdrawn.

Remarks

2. Claims 5-15 have been cancelled for placing the application in condition for allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-4, and 16 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art does not teach that, the voltage of a driving waveform for each electrode satisfies the following relational expression: $2V_{TAY} - V_{TX} \leq 2V_{AY} - V_{XY} - 2V_{AOFF}$; wherein V_{TAY} denotes a discharge starting threshold voltage between the address electrodes and Y electrodes, and V_{TX} denotes a discharge starting threshold voltage between the X electrodes and Y electrodes, respectively, when the Y electrodes serve as cathodes, wherein V_{AY} denotes a voltage applied between the address electrodes and the Y electrodes, and V_{XY} denotes a voltage applied between the X electrodes and the Y electrodes, respectively, at the trailing edge of the ramp waveform at the end of the initializing period, and wherein V_{AOFF} denotes an offset voltage of the voltage applied between the address electrodes and Y electrodes at the end of sustaining period recited in independent claims 1 and 16.

The remaining dependent claims 2-4 are allowable for at least above reason.

Prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. None of record prior arts stands alone or combination with the others discloses all limitations required in claim invention.

Citation of relevant prior art

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Hibino et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,738,033) discloses a plasmas display panel.

Okada. (U.S. Patent No. 6,476,561) discloses gas discharge display device.

Lee. (U.S. Patent No. 6,844,685) discloses a display panel.

Inquiry

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Minh Dieu A whose telephone number is (571) 272-1817. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (5:30 AM-2:45 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Timothy Callahan can be reached on (571) 272-1740. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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